The annual cost incurred by CIL on private transportation during last three years, year-wise, is given below: —

Year	Value Rs. In Crores
1990-91	153.30
1991-92	212.78
1992-93 (Prov.)	243.53

Coal Reserves in the Country

1795. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest proven and indicated estimates of coal reserves in India;

(b) what is the current demand, production and shortfall of coal supply;

(c) the quantity and value of coal imported in India during the last two years;

(d) whether it is a fact that the shortfall in coal supply is likely to grow;

(e) whether government have invited the participation of private and foreign capital in coal mining: and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the likely date of the commencement of additional coal production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) As on 1-1-1993, estimated reserves of coal in the country (down to a depth of 1200 metres) as per assessment done by Geological Survey of India (GSI) are 193.7 billion tonnes of which 64.8 billion tonnes, 84.9 billion tonnes and 44 billion tonnes belong to proved, indicated and inferred categories respectively.

(b) to (d) The total coal demand of all consuming sectors in the country vis-a-vis actual supply and actual production during the year 1992-93 was as follows: —

(in million tonnes)

Demand assessed	Actual Supply	Production	Remarks
258.10 (5.30)	241.00 (2.47)	238.23 (Prov.)	Figures in brackets indicate washery middlings.

The assessed demand is derived one. The indigenous coal production, by and large, was sufficient to meet the demand during 1992-93 except in case of integrated steel plants which are the main importers of low ash coking coal for the purpose of blending with indigenous coal for making up the gap between indigenous availability and the demand and also to improve the quality of overall blend to be used in steel plants.

Details regarding quantum and viilue of coal imported by steel plants of Public Sector Undertakings viz., Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) for the last two years are as tinder:

(Date provisional)

Year		Import (in million tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1991-92			
	SAIL	4.255	672.50
	VSP	0.990	186.03
	Total	5.245	858.53
1992-93			
	SAIL	4.248	,90.00
	VSP	1.660	355.94
	Total	5.908	1145.94

(e) and *it)* The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been amended with effect from 9-6-1993 to allow private sector participation in coal mining operations for captive consumption for power generation, iron and steel, Washery operations and other end uses that may be notified by the Government. Proposals received in the light of this amendment are subjected to screening by a Committee set up for the purpose. Since such cases are only in initial stages and data available is not adequate, details Of likely date of additional production cannot be ascertained now.

Delay in Passing Judgement by Central Industrial Tribunal

1796. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of the termination of services of about 70 workmen of Mess Committee of Uttar Railway Zonal Training School Chandaust, Moradabad (U.P.) was referred to the Central Government Industrial Tribunal, New Delhi in 1986 and the Tribunal has closed the proceedings on the 29th May, 1991:

(b) if so. whether it is also a fact that the Award/Judgement has not yet been declared; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in declaring the judgement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The award has since been received by the Government on 5-8-93 and sent tor publication.

(c) Due to heavy workload with Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-laboar Court, New Delhi the Award could not be declared earlier.

Guidelines for Opening and Closing of Shops in Delhi

1797. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration has recently issued guidelines/rules relating to opening and closing of shops and business establishments in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether violators of the rules have been awarded any punishment during the past six months; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) No guidelines have recently been issued by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The present opening and closing hours (9.00 A.M. and 7.00 P.M.) were fixed vide notification No. F-9(l)/79/LC(S) dated 19-7-79.

During the period from January, 1993 to June, 1993, occupiers of 2820 shops/ commercial establishments who had violated different provisions of Shops and Establishments Act were prosecuted and fined a sum of R. 2.05,887 by the Judicial Courts in Delhi.

Working of Employees State Insurance Scheme

1798. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme has been hit in the country;